LOCKPORT'S GOOD THING. ROCKEFELLER WILLING TO SELL.

ALMOST FREE WATER POWER TO MANUFACTURERS.

STATE RECEIVES ONLY \$200 FOR POWER ESTI-

fat THEMGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.1 Rochester, N. Y., June 7.—Members of the Canal Commission were engaged to-day in an attempt to earn the reason for expending \$150,000 in Brie Canal to the remarkable depth of thirteen leet for a distance of two miles west of Lockport. Those reasons they apparently discovered in a sign to insure to the manufacturers of Lockport

perpetual water power almost without cost.

It was shown in evidence that the ostensible son for the enlargement of the canal spoken of to increase the amount of water in the Eria ment was unnecessary, since there is sufficlent water now diverted from the Erie Canal into Mile Creek at Lockport to supply the

The water power developed by the State is 7.350 rec-power, which, at a moderate estimate, is orth \$3,850 annually. For this the State now receives on a lease made in 1856 only \$200 a year.

W. Rafter, an engineer, argued that the "It is to be argued then that the State should enter upon a policy of the manufacture and gratuitous distribution of water power." Mr. Raf-

mr. Rafter is an acknowledged expert on the amount of water flowing through the Eric Canal and the rivers of this part of the State. For many years he was connected with the State Engineer's Department. He was the chief witness before the Canal Commission to-day. He made a computation in 1895 for State Engineer Adams, with particular reference to the depth of the prism, etc., necessary to convey water for the canal from Lake Eric to the Montezuma Marshes. He shid that the amount of water diverted from the canal at Lockport for milling purposes entered materially into the question. Mr. Rafter then gave a number of references to his previous reports on the water storage investigations and to reports by other engineers.

through the canal at Lockport was about 31,000 cubic feet a minute. Prior to 1887 Mr. Kendall, the engineer, computed that the flow was 49,000 cubic feet a minute. There was diverted at 43,0.0 cubic feet a minute. There was diverted at Eigarteen Mile Creek for milling purposes about 17,000 or 18,000 cubic feet a minute, leaving about 31,000 cubic feet for the canal. At Rochester the flow is from 12,000 to 18,000 cubic feet a minute. Mr. Rafter gave it as his opinion that in the last few years, when there have been a far less number of boats passing through the canal than formerly, the supply has been adequate. He also gave it as his opinion that there had been water surreptitiously diverted at Johnson's Creek, near Lockport, as well as at one or two other points between Lockport and Rochester.

chester.

Ir. Rafter said that the Lockport Hydraulic wer Company, of Lockport, claimed the right to the surplus water of the caral at Lockport, et a lease from the State made in September, i. Under the terms of that lease, Mr. Rafter ted that the compensation paid to the State was a year, and that he had been unable to find record of any change in the terms of the lease ce it was executed.

THE STATE'S COMPENSATION

While Mr. Rafter could not give the exact num per of mills served by the Lockport Power Com-pany, or the horse-power, he gave it as his opinion now than formerly. Mr. Rafter said it was his estimate that 3,385 horse-power was diverted into Eighteen Mile Creek. At \$10 a year horse-power value of this privilege was \$38,850. Directly, the

Eighteen Mile Creek. At 410 a year horse-power the value of this privilege was \$38,850. Directly, the State received no compensation, indirectly it was largely compensated by the increase in property subject to taxation.

"If it were not for these mill privileges," said Mr. Blackmar, "do you think it would nave been necessary to deepen the prism of the canal to thirteen feet through the rock cut?"

"Probably not," answered Mr. Rafter, "but I hold that the State should not ignore the commercial and manufacturing interests along the line of the canal. In my opinion there is more involved in the canal. In my opinion there is more involved in the canal improvement than the mere question of furnishing increased facilities for navigation."

Then Mr. Clinton asked the following question: "With the canal deepened to nine feet from Buffalo up to the Lockport base, so called, with the prism of the canal deepened to hifteen feet for 13,000 feet above the locks, will there be enough water passed into the prism of the canal to feed the canal after the enlargement of the Montezuma Marshes?"

"I think so," answered Mr. Rafter. He further seld that the reason for deepening the prism of the canal dove the Lockport locks to thirteen feet twas, if possible, to obtain a flow of \$5,000 cubic feet a minute without increasing the velocity, which now is so high as to at times seriously interfere with navigation and to impede the progress of boats.

According to Mr. Rafter the millers along Eighteen Mile Creek are taking water from the canal under a permit issued in 1892 by Superintendent of Public Works Hannan. The domestic supply of water in Lockport is taken from the canal. It is used for all purposes except drinking. Probably two hundred thousand gallons per day are used in this way. Mr. Rafter the aubmitted statistics showing an increase in the amount of State taxes paid by Lockport is to the manufactories were except are the housand gallons per day are used in the accept and the properson of the Committed for the properson of the

A COMPANY'S RATES.

Terence T Raymond, secretary of the Lockport Water Power and Hydraulic Company, next gave his testimony. He said the company was estab-lished in 1857 by buying their rights from Marcy &

Hunt.
"Our rights," said Mr. Raymond, "have been established by a suit in the Supreme Court. We lease to various manufacturers at Lockport all the surplus water not required for navigation. We pay the State \$200 a year for this privilege. We utilize water as it flows around the locks. I think we use about four thousand horse-power on a fail of 57 feet."

nat was the price paid for this right to Marcy hink they were paid \$20,000 in stock, and our is \$125,000 in all

stock is \$125.00 in all."

"What is your normal income?"

"It is \$20.00 a year."

"What is your rate for horse-power?"

"It runs from \$14\$ a year horse-power down. When the Lockport Wood Pulp Company makes nothing we get nothing for its use of water."

"Could you use any more water-power?"

"We could on the south side of the canal."

"The A. S. Deverly estate holds the chief block of the chief block of the chief block of the stock, the Regerkeep estate some and C. Ashley smith some more."

Smith some more."
Clarence N. Neher, resident engineer, concluded the day's evidence by giving testimony about the contracts of the western division.

W. W. ASTOR RESPONDS TO AN APPEAL.

A CONTRACT TO SELL EAST SIDE PROPERTY FOR IMPROVEMENT REVISED FOR THE

TENANTS' BENEFIT. William Waldorf Astor, through his business representatives here, sold to Henry Morgenthau of the firm of Lachman, Morgenthau & Goldsmith, a month ago, forty lots in Avenue A. in the neigh-borhood of Seventh and Eighth and Fourth and Fifth streets, with the old dwellings upon them. The land had been in Mr. Astor's family since 1866, and now needs reimprovement to prove remunerative. The Astor estate, in consequence, not caring to expend the necessary additional capital in this

way, disposed of the property, it being understood that when the existing leases expired in a year or two the present buildings would be pulled down and replaced with modern flathouses by the purand replaced with modern flathouses by the purchasers.

An appeal by the tenants to Mr. Aster personally has led within the last few days to an entire abrogation of the sale contract and the framing of a new one. Many of the tenants have lived in the present buildings for years. They appealed to Mr. Aster not to permit them to be turned out when their leases expire. As the result, in consequence of communications from Mr. Astor, his representatives here have made a new contract with Mr. Morgenthau, in which provision is made for the renewal of existing leases on satisfactory terms, and also for the purchase of their property by the tenants at the present valuation. At the same time, on other Aster property of the same kind in the neighborhood, a similar opportunity has also been offered.

BIG ROLLING MILL BURNED.

Portsmouth, Ohio, June 7.—The rolling mill and steel plant of the Burgess Steel and Iron Company was destroyed by fire to-night. The loss will gregate \$350,000, and the insurance is about \$200 Eight hundred employes are thrown out of w

ARTILLERY DRILL AT WEST POINT.

West Point, June 7.—By direction of the acting aperintendent, Colonel Otto L. Hein, commandant the cadets, there was a magnificent heavy ar-flery drill at the seacoast battery for the board visitors this evening. The battery was manned members of the third class, with chiefs of deby members of the third class, with chiefs of de-tachment from the second class. Cadet Pillsbury was gunner of piece No. 3; Cadet Adams, No. 5; Cadet Morris, No. 6; Cadet Whitlock, No. 7, and Cadet Morris, No. 8. The guns are 5-inch bore, and require twenty-five pounds of powder. They carry a shot of 185 pounds. The range for the guns is 1.10 yards. The target was two degrees above the litter. All of the shots fell within the target, and

WHAT LOOKS LIKE A SCHEME TO GIVE THROUGH COUNSEL, LAND ASSESSED AT \$22,000 IS OFFERED AT \$7,500 TAKEN UP BY AN ASSESSOR.

In the adjoining villages of Tarrytown and North | A Tarrytown, in Westchester County, yesterday was observed as "grievance day," when all taxpayers are dissatisfied with their assessments send their grievances to the assessors and implore re-

The principal persons aggrieved were John D and William Rockefeller, and their lawyers were on hand early to see that protests were duly and erly filed. The assessors of North Tarrytown met in the little corporation rooms with their counwere filed, and it is thought that when the asses

less than the present total, \$3,337,686.

Henry B. Ely, H. B. Brundeth, Mrs. A. S. Hawes, Isanc Beatty, Robert Henry, John S. McLean, M.

were among those who filed protests.

A little after 3 o'clock Howard H. Morse, North Tarrytown, and Harry T. Dykman, of White Plains, counsel of the Rockefellers, appeared. brought with them a bunch of legal papers. containing typewritten statements concerning the roll in general and the Rockefeller assessments in particular. John D. Rockefeller is assessed \$233,161 on about two hundred acres of land. William Rockefeller owns only fifty acres within the village limits, known as the See farm. The assessors valued this at \$22,000.

In the beginning of their complaint it was said that the assessments were about 50 per cent too high on John D. Rockefeller's property, and even more so on William Rockefeller's land. was sincere, Mr. Dykman made the announcement that he had Mr. Rockefeller's authorto sell the See farm for \$7,500. This announcement caused a big surprise. Mr. Dykman had no somer uttered the words than John Cahill, one of the assessors, took him up. He said it would be an

Dykman, and the assessor then inquired how much time would be granted to him. He was told two time would be granted to him. He was told two months, and replied that it was satisfactory, and he would be glad to complete the deal. The spectators did not seem to know what to make of the offer, and many are sceptical as to whether or not the transfer will be made. Little else was talked of in North Tarrytown last night, and many opinions were expressed. Some said that Mr. Rockefeller will not dispose of the land so cheap, but the more conservative, however, recall the fact that Mr. Rockefeller sold his mendow land to the village last year for \$500 less than it was assersed.

After the William Rockefeller incident John D. Rockefeller's protest was entered, supplemented

		by Mr.
Property.	Assessed	Rockefeller.
Rice	\$50,000	\$27,300
Baldwin	5.000	8.000
Bryant	14.000	7.950
Bunt	CL CHOICE	550
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Stevens	*** 37 2130	
Parsons		7.500
Kent	25,000	18,000
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Hunt	2.000	1.000
Mumerly		5,000 \$
Johnson		750
Johnson		450
Sleepy Hollow		700
Prospect Hill	>>>> ACTION (1000
Mr Morse said he could produ	ice exper	s to prove

reporters to be present. It has been classomary to hold the meetings in public, and the action of the Board in holding a "star-chamber" session yesterday did not meet with popular approval. One of the reasons assigned by some for such secrecy was that the new roll contained many discrepancies which the Board was not disposed to make public As the affidavits filed by the taxpayers are public records it will be easy to ascertain what changes were requested when the revised roll is completed. About one hundred protests were filed, and many of these were from the small taxpayers. Among the large ones who protested were alexander Duer Irving. Mrs. John H. Hall, Mrs. Roswell Steel, Charles Wallace, the Rev. Dr. John A. Todd, the Westchester County Savings Bank, Henry F. Lord, Miss C. E. Mason, John Downey, James Benedict, Samuel A. Emberson, Howard Nichols, John Webber, Mrs. Mary Benedict, Clarence S. Davison and C. Fred Odell.

SAN 'DOMINGO'S TROUBLES.

Cape Haytien, Hayti, June 7, 7:40 p. m .- The Dominican warships Restauracion and Independencia arrived here at 6 o'clock this evening. having on board. It is understood, three prison-

cabled inquiries.

It appears that General Jimenes was transferred from the Fanita, on which he escaped from Monte Cristi, to another steamer before landing at Great Inagua, and it is reported that he has been released on \$1,000 ball.

The Fanita did not venture within the jurisdiction of the island authorities on her return voyage.

MORE RIOTING AT BELFAST.

PRANGEMEN ATTACKED BY NATIONALISTS AND THE MILITARY CALLED OUT.

Belfast, June 7.—There was a renewal to-night of the rioting that began yesterday during the demonstrations in honor of the revolution of 1798 and the anniversary of June 6, 1886, when seven civilians were shot on Shank Hill Road

by the constabulary. The Nationalists attacked a body of Orangemen, who were leaving their work, and there was a veritable hurricane of scrap-iron and other missiles. The police at first were overpowered, but, having been reinforced, they cleared the streets with a free use of their clubs. The military has been ordered out, and it is feared that there will be a renewal of the dis-

CHILIAN BOUNDARY DISPUTE

Paris, June 7 .- No news has been received here to justify the rumor on the Bourse to-day that war had broken out between Chill and Argen-

London, June 7 .- The rumor of a boundary crisis between Chili and Argentina, which caused a decline this morning in Brazilian and Argen-tine securities, is discredited by the Chilian Charge d'Affaires, Senher Bascunan Montes.

MONUMENT TO MR. GLADSTONE.

London, June 7.- In the House of Commons to-day a message from Queen Victoria was read, announcing Her Majesty's intention to direct the erection of a monument to the late William E. Gladstone in Westminster Abbey, in accordance with the wishes expressed in the address of the House of Commons to the Queen.

SUGAR BOUNTY CONFERENCE OPENS. Brussels, June 7.-The International Conference on Sugar Bountles opened at the Foreign Office here to-day, under the presidency of the Premier, P. de Smet de Nasyer. The conference adjourned until Friday. The sessions will be held in secret.

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SENATOR RAINES AND THE FIREMEN.

THE HEARING OF THE LIBER SUIT AGAINST

ages for libel from "The New-York Press" Com-pany for an alleged libel published in "The Newarough the Legislature of the Firemen's Salaries Rochester, De Lancey Nicoli appeared for the news-paper, Senators Raines and Robertson were both

party defendant in the suit. Senator Raines in his complaint says that he lives in Ontario County and there. He has been three times an Assemblyman, he says; has served two terms as a member of Concharges that "The Press," in order to cause it to be believed that he was actuated by mercenary medition of favoring or passing the Firemen's Salaries having on board, it is understood, three prisoners taken in the recent revolutionary attempt headed by Jimenes and Morales.

Commodore Jansen landed to receive the report of the Dominican Consul on the illegal shipments of men from this point by the two leaders to participate in the landing at Monte Cristi.

The warships left Monte Cristi at 11 o'clock this morning. A rumor is current here that after they left President Heureaux was made a prisoner in a new uprising and was shot. The report has it that Joaquin Taveras, Lieutenant-Commander at Monte Cristi under Governor Galito, led the new movement.

The story is not believed here, although no explicit reply is forthcoming from Monte Cristi to cabled inquiries.

The article said that Robertson, Coggeshall and Raines were the Senators mentioned, and that "Lou' Payn handled the fund," the newspaper having previously said that a fund of \$45,000 had to be raised by the firemen and their officers, which was to be distributed among Senators who were alleged to be in the deal. It had also been actually raised, and that firemen as the men who "required to be taken care of "were Robertson, of Westchester, Raines, of Ontaine in the complaint, and an affirmance that the statements made in the article were true is pleaded in mitigation of any damages.

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RAILROAD INTERESTS.

MR. INGALLS ON FREIGHT RATES.

Melville E. Ingalls, president of the "Big Four and also of the Chesapeske and Ohio Railroad, who was in the city vesterday, views the prospective restoration of freight rates with a great deal of pleasure. Mr. Ingalls practically drafted the of pleasure. Mr. Ingalis practically drafted the criginal traffic agreement entered into by the trunk lines, which did much to lessen the demoralization caused by promiscuous rate-cutting. The letter of the agreement was violated in some instances, and the members of the Joint Traffic Association agreed to suspend for a time the provisions of the agreement. Mr. Ingalis says the proposed restora-tion of rates will be effected next Monday, and will immediately be followed by a general maintenance of tariff. In the course of the last few days there has been some improvement in rates, both East and West bound. Mr. Ingalis says that business continues to improve, and that the roads show an increased traffic, as a rule, and that there has been little war depression. agreement. Mr. Ingalis says the proposed restora-

READING DIRECTORS RE-ELECTED.

Philadelphia, June 7.-At the annual meeting of the Philadelphia and Reading Rallway Company the day the old Board of Directors was re-elected, except that Samuel Diekson was chosen in place of Francis L. Sictson, of New-York. As the fiscal year of the company has been changed, and now begins July 1, no report of the operations of the road was presented at the meeting.

PROFIT OF THE PENNSYLVANIA COMPANY. Pittsburg, June 7.-The annual meeting of the ating and controlling the lines in the Pennsylvania system west of Pittsburg, was held in this city to-day. The annual report for the year ending December 31, 1897, was submitted, showing the mileage operated directly by the Pennsylvania Company to be 1,975 mlies.

The results in the Pennsylvania Company pro-The results in the Pennsylvania Company proprietory department were as follows: Total revenue, £3,33,26 46, less amount paid for interest on bonds, general expenses, taxes, etc., £1,33,485 17, leaving a profit for the year of £1,09,521 23, an increase, as compared with 1886, of \$771,534 54.

The directors ciected were as follows: Frank Thomson, John P. Green, William H. Barnes, N. P. Shortridge, Charles B. Hugh, Samuel Rea, George Wood, C. Stuart Patterson and Effingham B. Morris, of Philadelphia; James McCrea, J. T. Brooks, Joseph Wood and William Stewart, of Pittsburg. The only change in the Board was the election of Effingham B. Morris to succeed John E. Davidson, deceased.

A PACIFIC RAILROAD INQUIRY. Washington, June 7.-Two resolutions were intro-

duced in the House to-day by Representative Mc-Guire, of California, calling for specific information from the Administration relative to bond-aided Pacific raliroads, the Central Pacific (including the Western Pacific) and the Kansas Pacific. The reso-GERMANY'S COMING ELECTIONS.

Berlin, June 7.—In response to a request for an outline of the official views of the tactics which Minister for the Interior, Count Posadowsky-Wahner, writes:

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THE TRUSTEES OF THE ACTORS' FUND

RESIGN.

As nations can have two or more seats for the same war, so can individuals fight here and there and all around, when they feel in the fighting mood.

If the United States and Spain can disagree in the Indies and in the Philippines at once, so can the theatrical syndicate and Harrisan Grey Fiske meet

with violence in the courts and in the Actors Fund. Everybody knows by this time that Mr. Fiske is the Editor of "The Dramatic Mirror," and that he has said things in his paper which grieved the

has said things in his paper which graved the hearts of the members of the so-called theatrical syndicate, in so much that they recently secured his indictment by the Grand Jury on a charge of criminal libel. This cause, say Mr. Fiske and his

friends, will never never, never be tried-they only

Yesterday, at the annual meeting of the Actors'

Yesterday, at the annual meeting of the Actors' Fund of America Mr. Fiske was elected a trustee of the body by 194 votes out of 105 cast. Thereupon it is reported, three resignations from the Beard of Trustees were posted to the president of the Fund, Louis Aldrich. These were the resignations of A. L. Hayman, Charles Frohman and Daniel Frohman. The last nameu is not a member of the syndicate, but he is the brother of Charles Frohman, who is: It was said that these men, who are all in Europe at present, had left their resignations behind them when they went away, to be forwarded in case Mr. Fiske was elected a trustee.

Mr. Aldrich said last night that he had not received the resignations, but he could not say that they might not be on the way. He said that there

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would be no meeting at which action could be taken on them till July 1, and by that time he hoped that the men who had sent resignations. It any had done so, would reconsider their action and would decide to withdraw them.

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tion a number of well-known clergymen made addresses, among them being the Rev. Dr. Davies, of the Fourth Avenue Presbyterian Church; Dr. Stitt, of the Seamen's Friend Society; J. L. Thomas, George E. Sterrey, superintendent of the Hope Chapel School; Thornton H. Penfield, secretary of the Central Branch of the Young Men's Christian Association of Brooklyn; the Rev. John B. Devins, the Rev. Charles Stelzle and others.

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At the entertainment which preceded the reception a number of well-known clergymen made ad-

especially at Northfield, Mass., where Mr. Moody has his summer meetings. Mr. Needham's labors in Japan, where he will spend most of his time, will be in the direction of Bible conferences similar to those held at Northfield, and to reviving and infusing new strength into the missionaries and congregations of the island empire.

The entire tour has been arranged by the English-speaking missionaries in Japan. Mr. Needham will take with him letters to Count Katsu, who has been called "the Bismarck of Japan," and who will introduce Mr. Needham to the higher class of natives and the Mikado himself. He hopes to have the privilege of preaching in the palace, something which has never been done by any missionary heretofore. While in the East Mr. Needham, expects to visit China and perhaps the Philippines, to preach among the American soldiers there. Mr. Needham's brother, who was a sallor for eight years and later became a priest, is at present at Tampa with the United States troops. Another brother is the pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Brooklyn, and a third is also in the ministry.

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